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Weekly Prairie Market Review

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ACTIVE MARKET FOR PRAIRIE HAY; ONLY CHOICE QUALITY WANTED.

Kansas City Market

Activity in prairie hay at Kansas City during the week ending July 22, expanded to the largest volume of the season, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service. Receipts totaled 36 cars for the week and covered a quality range from extra fancy down to ordinary, but averaging choice. Local feeding interests offered ready outlet for the best lots, paying \$8.50 per ton in most instances, but taking a few slightly off color shipments at \$8. Types not suitable for these buyers were more difficult to dispose of and severe discounts were necessary to interest merchandisers. The close of the week found a few out-of-condition and weedy lots still unsold. Sales during the week included 29 cars of No. 1 and No. 1 Extra Green at \$8.50, 2 cars of No. 2 at \$8, 1 car of No. 3 at \$6.50 and 1 car at \$6 per ton.

Interior Producing Point Markets

Several 20-ton carlots of alfalfa moved from the Iola district of eastern Kansas to the Kansas City market during the week and demand continued strong from truckers moving hay to Wichita, Ft. Leavenworth and the Kansas City district. Very little choice prairie hay has been placed in storage in that producing district as yet, as all such offerings have been readily taken from the balers. Some hay rejected as being too weedy has been stored in barns by owners, hoping for a market later in the season. Meadows show good color, but the hay is matured and will lose color if dry weather continues.

After giving some hope of a crop following recent rains, prairie hay in the Platte Valley of Nebraska was again going backward. Meadows generally contain considerable mixtures of sweet clover and return of hot, dry weather has retarded the growth of the wild hay.

Current quotations at Kansas City, basis U. S. Standards, are as follows:

UPLAND PRAIRIE
(Per ton)

No. 1 \$8.00-8.50

No. 3 \$5.50-7.00

No. 2 7.50-8.00

Sample 4.00-5.50

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